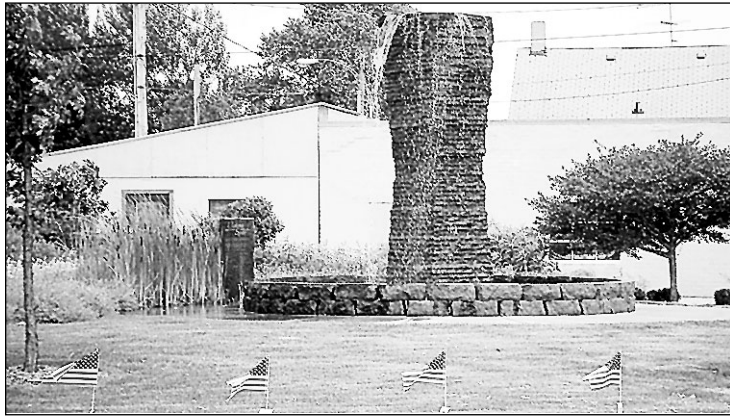


HOMETOWNNEWS

SPIRIT OF DAKOTA



JULIE PERAKSLIS, KYB

The Dakota Spirit Fountain on the corner of Broadway and 4th is one example of a project KYB has worked with over the years.

10 Years Of Keeping Yankton Beautiful

JULIE PERAKSLIS, DIRECTOR
Keep Yankton Beautiful

This August marks the 10 year Anniversary of Keep Yankton Beautiful. KYB was born after a major manufacturer declined to move their business to Yankton citing, among other things, the "blighted and depressed look of the community." The members and board of Keep Yankton Beautiful, along with the many dedicated community businesses, organizations, volunteers and concerned citizens have been working diligently ever since to improve the look and feel of our proud community through beautification projects, cleanup events and litter-reduction awareness projects. In celebration of our anniversary, we will be highlighting past Keep Yankton Beautiful projects and efforts, starting with our Dakota Spirit!

On June 20, 2006 the Dakota Spirit Fountain was presented to the City of Yankton by Keep Yankton Beautiful, Inc. and dedicated at the corner of 4th and Broadway. Scott Luken designed the fountain, which was sculpted out of one large, solid 18 ton block of South Dakota carnelian granite from Milbank. The layers you see in the granite represent all of the different people that make-up South Dakota's past and present. The size and texture of the stone sculpture depicts the strength and willingness to endure and the pride we have in this land. The design reconnects Yankton with its past as a fountain city known for its artesian wells.

A large community effort was mobilized to realize the vision of the Dakota Spirit Fountain and the landscaping that you enjoy today. Following Luken Memorials' design and labor pledge, Bank 360 (formerly First Federal Bank) got the project started with a \$10,000 donation, followed by Sapa Extrusions (formerly Alcoa) \$5,000 donation. The cost to design, build, landscape and complete the project would have been in excess of \$50,000, according to Scott Luken, but due to the incredible community support and in-kind labor, materials and equipment we were able to complete the project for half that. We wish to thank again the following businesses, organizations and individuals who made the Dakota Spirit possible. Donors: Bank 360 (First Federal Bank), Luken Memorials, Inc. Sapa Extrusions (Alcoa), Baldwin Filters, Inc., Avera Sacred Heart Health Services, Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital, Yankton County Commission, Kolberg-

Pioneer, Inc., MTron/PTI, Vishay Dale Electronics, Yankton Medical Clinic P.C., Midwest Motorcycle Riders in memory of Yankton Police Officer Mark Deffenbaugh, Applied Engineering, Inc., Wohlenberg Ritzman & Co., Bob & Charlie Zylstra, Terre & Dennis Berkland, Ted & Nadine Mickelson, Anderson Realty, LLC, David Olson, Williams & Co., Rob & Gail Miner, Rev. Gary & Sherilyn Kimm, GFWC Yankton Women's Club and June Snow Lee. Builders: Scott Luken, Luken Memorials, Kaiser Heating & Cooling, Eisenbraun & Associates, Inc., Sioux Falls Crane Rental & Rigging, Electair, Inc; dba Power Source Electric, Douglas Dykstra, Doyle Stevens Construction, Inc., Fejfar Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Pro-Landscape, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, Brian & Kaye Cwack, Central Concrete, Concrete Materials, and Roy Johnson Roofing.

Keep Yankton Beautiful is proud of the community work, effort and participation that went into the fountain and the value its elegant presence adds to our fine city.

Since we are not operationally funded by the city or state, we rely heavily on the interest and dedication of our members and volunteers to support us in working for, and achieving, our goals for a cleaner, more beautiful community environment. We'd like to thank our most recent members: Growth Level: First National Bank of South Dakota and Sustaining Level: Blackburn and Stevens Law Firm, Wells Fargo Bank, and Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. We'd also like to thank the Yankton Garden Club for their in-kind donation of flowers which were planted downtown and around Cramer-Kenyon House. Keep Yankton Beautiful is located next to the Dakota Theater on Walnut Street thanks to a generous gift from the Law Offices of Kennedy, Pier and Knoff. Our summer office hours are Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am - 1:30 pm. Please drop-in, call (605) 838-0665 or email to info@keepyanktonbeautiful.org, if you have any questions, suggestions or projects you would like to see us pursue.

We've also contacted the National Guard Armory regarding the yellow ribbons tied-up around town in honor of Charlie Battery's return. Noting that "it's great to see all the support our unit receives from our wonderful community. It truly makes all soldiers proud to serve," SSG Matt Hanson said it is perfectly fine for community members to take the yellow ribbons down now.

MEETING MINUTES

VFW AUXILIARY

President Shelly Stoddard opened the June 8 VFW Auxiliary meeting. Andrea Ann Hecht was accepted as a new member.

Thank you notes were read from Kaye Ruby for reading glasses for hospitalized veterans, Lyle Magorien Family, Lacey Alsop Family, Marlow Brown Family and Virginia Hummel Family. Committee reports were given. Marge Olson reported we have 485 paid up members. Ninety dollars was sent in for cancer.

President Stoddard reported can pull-tabs were sold and seventeen dollars and seventy-five cents was received. Kelly Kremppes from the Adjustment Training Center and Harvey Hanson originally started this program.

Fifty dollars was allowed for fireworks. Twenty-five dollars was allowed for the State President's

project. Twenty-five dollars was allowed for the convention's Ways and Means Table.

The VFW Magazine, "Check Point", contacted President Stoddard about our Leprechaun program and they are going to print an article on it.

Five Auxiliary Sisters, Stoddard, Olson, Dorothy Stange, Joyce Stahlecker, and Jackie Simonsen attended the State Convention. Stahlecker and Stange carried the flag for President Stoddard.

The need for a Poppy Chairman was discussed. Jackie Simonsen volunteered if she could get help. Marlene Schramm volunteered.

Simonsen won the ten-cent cup. Rhonda Suhr's name was drawn for the door prize. She was absent. Door prize next meeting will be six dollars.

The meeting was adjourned to be served a lovely lunch by Stahlecker and Stange.

United Way June Volunteers Of The Month Announced

United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton June Volunteers are Larry and Linda Kollars. Helping out in the community seems to be second nature to the Kollars.

Larry and Linda volunteer in several areas. Linda is always ready to lend a hand. For RSVP, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, she has volunteered with many organizations. For example Yankton Area Literacy, she dressed up as Dr. Seuss to read to children at Riverboat Days. United Way she helped as receptionist with the Dakota Smiles Mobile. Webster school she volunteered her free time to help out staff. Keep Yankton Beautiful with the Missouri River Clean Up. Larry is just as busy parking vehicles for the Meade Building Open House.

Larry and Linda have volunteered many hours in the past for Riverboat Days. For the past 10 years Larry has Co-Chaired the Car Show at Riverboat Days. Linda has Co-Chaired Riverboat Days in years past and volunteered in different capacities for the event helping chair the Parade.

The Kollars have volunteered with Avera Sacred Heart Hospital for a couple of years. They both love to volunteer their time together for the TEAM office each week; areas where they can offer help to patients and run errands. They enjoy doing special projects for Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

Linda states "we volunteer because we feel like we are making a contribution to the community. It is a little thing. But to some people we help, it is a big thing."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Larry and Linda Kollars have been announced as June's United Way and Volunteer Services Volunteers of the month.

Local Scouts Learn Life-Saving Skills

Venturing Crew #9 of Yankton, South Dakota learned life-saving skills while attending Family & Friends CPR training on June 16, 2010.

In a training room provided by the National Guard Armory, Sara Jepsen, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, donated her time to teach emergency cardiovascular care to the crew. Sara is a certified American Heart Association Basic Life Support instructor aligned with the Avera Sacred Heart Training Center. Endorsed by the American Heart Association, Family & Friends CPR offers basic life-saving skills using the research-proven Practice-While-Watching method that improves learning and retention. Yankton County Emergency Management Services provided training mannequins and equipment and the Avera Sacred Heart Training Center provided each student with course materials for ongoing reference. American Heart Association participation cards were presented after students completed modules in adult, child and infant CPR and choking.

Through sound training on lifesaving skills, the American Heart Association's Emergency Cardiovascular Care Programs increase survival rates and quality of life. Effective bystander CPR, provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest, can double or even triple a victim's chance of survival.

Venturing, a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women, provides positive experiences to help young people mature and become responsible and caring adults.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sara Jepsen of Avera Sacred Heart instructs Venturing Crew #9 of Yankton on proper CPR techniques during a live-saving skills training session held recently.

For more information on the American Heart Association's Emergency Cardiovascular Care Programs contact the Avera Sacred Heart Training Center at 605-668-8475. To find out more about the Boy Scouts of America and their scouting programs please visit www.scouting.org.

Federal Prison Camp Honors Employees

Warden Jordan R. Hollingsworth announced the following awards on June 10, 2010, at the Federal Prison Camp in Yankton, South Dakota.

Roger Hejl, Automotive Foreman, was recognized as an Employee of the Year. Roger manages the Automotive and Welding shops, the Rainwater Reclamation Program, the Recycling Program and serves as the Hazardous Waste Storage Site Coordinator. His management of the inmate work detail and initiative in assisting other departments is an asset to the institution.

Tracy Mueller, Human Resource Specialist, was recognized as an Employee of the Year. Tracy ensures all human resource and training programs are functioning at the optimum level. In addition, she serves as the Institution Volunteer Coordinator and is a member of the Command Center Support Staff. Her efforts impact the institution and community in a positive manner.

Robert Bendt, Senior Officer Specialist, was recognized as a Correctional Officer of the Year. Rob's communication skills, attentiveness to duty and assistance to other officers is commendable. His efforts have helped reduce the introduction of contraband and increased security of the institution.

Shane Sundleaf, Senior Officer, was recognized as a Correctional Officer of the Year. Shane's efforts in controlling contraband and maintaining security of the institution are exceptional. His integrity and initiative serve as a role model to all staff.

Kathy Nelson, Unit Manager, was recognized as Supervisor of the Year. Kathy manages two inmate housing units, is a Disciplinary Hearing Officer and serves as the Inmate Skills Development Coordinator for the institution. Her leadership and communication skills create a positive environment for staff and inmates.

All five staff are truly an asset to the institution. It is with great pleasure that we recognize these accomplishments.

Money Raised For Verlin Larsen Family

Members of Modern Woodmen of America in Yankton recently held a matching fund project for the family of Verlin and Patricia Larsen.

Verlin is receiving treatment for colon/rectal cancer. Modern Woodmen matched \$2,000 that was raised by selling chances for a queen-size quilt. A drawing for the quilt was held on July 1st at Larsen Carpet.

The lucky winner was Tara Pirak from Gayville.

For information about the contest or Modern Woodmen contact Financial Representative Cathy Lynch-Becker at (605) 665-7799.

City Of Yankton Announces Street Sealing Schedule

The City of Yankton Street Department will begin the street seal coat program the week of the July 12 and should be completed in approximately one week, weather permitting.

Streets scheduled for sealing include the following:

- Belfast Street — 8th Street to 9th Street
- Belfast Street — 11th Street to 12th Street
- Jackson Street — 9th Street to 12th Street
- Redmond Street — 11th Street to 12th Street
- Dakota Street — 8th Street to 9th Street
- Dakota Street — 9th Street to 11th Street
- West Street — 8th Street to 12th Street
- 10th Street — West Street to Dakota Street
- 10th Street — Dakota Street to Jackson Street
- 11th Street — West City Limits Road to Summit Street
- 12th Street — West City Limits Road to West Street
- 12th Street — Jackson Street to Belfast Street
- 12th Street — Belfast Street to Summit Street
- 12th Street — Pennsylvania Avenue to Peninah Street
- 16th Street — Douglas Avenue to Mulberry Street
- 17th Street — Peninah Street to Cul-de-sac
- 17th Street — Douglas Avenue to Pine Street
- 17th Street — Pine Street to Mulberry Street
- 18th Street — Douglas Avenue to Mulberry Street
- 19th Street — Douglas Avenue to Mulberry Street
- Douglas Avenue — 15th Street to 19th Street
- Pine Street — 15th Street to 19th Street
- College Street — 15th Street to 19th Street
- Oakwood Drive — 13th Street to Cul-de-sac
- Shurlock Street — 23rd Street to Cul-de-sac
- 19th Street — Peninah Street to Ferdig Avenue
- 21st Street — Burleigh Street to Valley Road
- Burgess Street — Valley Road to Cul-de-sac
- James Place — Valley Road to Cul-de-sac

- Valley Road — 21st Street to box bridge
- Alley — 17th Street to 19th Street/Broadway Avenue & Cedar Street
- Alley — W. 9th Street to Locust Street/South side Lincoln School
- Alley — 8th Street to Lincoln School/Green Street to Locust Street
- 14th Street — Peninah to Whiting Drive

The process will be to oil the road and cover it with 3/8-inch chips. The streets will be closed to traffic during the seal coat process and opened to traffic immediately after the application. After 4-6 weeks, the street sweeper will pick up the excess chips that are still loose.

"No Parking" signs will be placed on the streets the day before they are sealed. Observe these signs and do not park on the streets until the work is done. Do not blow grass onto the street before the streets are sealed or permit underground irrigation systems to run water onto the streets while the No Parking signs are up. In the event of rain, the process may be postponed.

Teacher Workshops Opportunities Still Available This Summer

Missouri National Recreational River and the National Park Service wants and needs your input as we continue the strategic planning process for developing a multi-faceted, curriculum-based PreK-12+ park education program that will be designed to meet the needs of you and your students.

Come join park educators and your colleagues, summer Teacher-Ranger-Teachers, for days filled with exploration, brainstorming, collaboration, and sharing your dreams for standards-based park curriculum resources, programming, and field trip opportunities for your students and professional development opportunities for yourself.

The park will be holding its third teacher workshops from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 2. Pre-registration is required.

"On July 8th, we will be meeting at the G.A.R. Hall Art

Gallery to present initial planning efforts and solicit feedback from additional teachers. These draft plans are based on information provided by teachers and education partners who participated in our first workshop on June 15th. Additional input is needed from more teachers at every grade level in South Dakota and Nebraska, particularly those who live and teach throughout the Missouri River Corridor," says Anne Doherty-Stephan, Chief of Interpretation and Education for the park. Following the morning's presentation and feedback session, there will be a field trip out to Green Island to explore that area's potential educational opportunities.

Free professional development hours and documentation will be provided for all participating teachers. The park is also working with the Mount Marty College Education Department to offer a credit

option; there will be a fee for the credit option. Pre-registration is required.

Come get involved on the ground floor of this exciting educational endeavor!

To register or for more information, please email (anne_doherty-stephan@nps.gov) or call Anne Doherty-Stephan, Chief of Interpretation and Education for Missouri National Recreational River at (605) 665-0209 x29.

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